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REMARKS

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1. On 25 October, the Infanterie Kaserne on the lake at Strausberg (N 53/V 15) was occupied by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Preparations for new courses of instruction were noticed in the Landesjugendheim. Four officers carrying suitcases were seen entering the installation. About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were seen at the athletic field south of the Landesjugendheim. They apparently belonged to the instruction unit there.

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2. [redacted] in the Landesjugendheim, source determined that the cadre personnel there numbered about 60 EM. Previously courses lasted six months each. Source believed a new course would start soon because groups of officers, mostly field-grade officers, started arriving on 23 October. About 50 officers had arrived by early November, and the number continued to increase. Tanks and artillery pieces used for instruction stood in the gymnasium of the installation.

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[redacted] German employees had been replaced by 50 to 60 Soviet women who were employed in the kitchen and mess. These women had been issued uniforms upon their arrival. Construction work in the installation was supervised by one Major Palba, (fnu). * A document found on the garbage dump of the Landesjugendheim was a list of rations for officers for 21 October 1951, and was signed by Senior Lieutenant (Med) Rybit, (?) (fnu), and approved by Colonel Filipov or Filinov, (fnu), commanding officer [redacted]

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* Comment. Previous reports indicate that courses for NCOs were conducted in the Infanterie Kaserne, and courses for artillery officers in the Landesjugendheim.

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** [redacted] It may be assigned to the artillery school which, according to the document described in the present report, is probably commanded by Colonel Filipov or Filinov, (fnu).

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